

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 359

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Pickett County K8 School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team, Class A State Champions of the James C. Haile State Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute those successful middle school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Pickett County K8 School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team has been crowned the Class A State Champions of the James C. Haile State Tournament and, as such, is deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Pickett County Bobcats became a tourney favorite due to their team play, aggressive rebounding, and strong defensive efforts; they enjoyed a first-round win over Lobelville Elementary School, 45-23, before dominating Beaver Elementary School in the quarter finals, 55-26; and

WHEREAS, a semifinal win against Allons Elementary School, 58-50, set up the championship match between the Bobcats and Defeated Elementary School, which ended in victory for Pickett County in a final score of 46-38; and

WHEREAS, All-Tournament awards were received by players Cole J. Amonett, Max Moody, and Brody Pryor; the Bobcats finished the season with a 17-6 record in what Coach Lee J. Amonett called his toughest regular season to date; and

WHEREAS, state championships are the result of collective team focus, hard work, and a willingness to submit to the greater good of the team rather than accommodate any one player; the Pickett County Bobcats exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Pickett County 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team, not only for winning the State title but also for its players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Pickett County K8 School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team upon its championship win at the James C. Haile State Tournament. We salute these exceptional student athletes for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.